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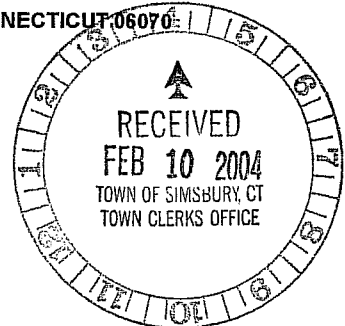
SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Aging and Disability Commission

AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Minutes



Chairperson, Peg Bergethon, in the Blue Room at Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Present: Peg Bergethon, Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Gloria Knierim, Ed LaMontagne, John Romano (Bd. Of Selectman liaison), Charlotte Steptoe, Eileen Umpleby, Lynn Veith, Ricki Bergquist (staff consultant) and Moira Wertheimer

Not present: Arline Bidwell (excused)

Public Audience: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the November meeting amended to reflect that Lynn Veith was not present, and no motion to adjourn was made. Upon motion made by Grace Comeau and seconded by Ed LaMontagne the minutes were accepted as amended.

Reports: Sub-Committees/Projects:

Disability: Ed reported that the Connecticut Assoc. of Not for Profits will hold a forum at the L.O.B. with the Chair and ranking members of the Appropriations Committee to discuss ongoing budget needs. Ed also reported that UCONN would hold a disability awareness forum for legislators. The Forum will focus on, among other things, housing, transportation and education issues. In addition, Ed handed out a report done by the Anthem Foundation discussing plan to impose premiums on low-income elderly and disabled persons. Ed passed out a NY Times article detailing an ADA case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Legislative Sub Committee:

Federal: Moira presented details of the above-mentioned U. S. Supreme Court case, originating in Tennessee.

State: Lynn reported that there was ongoing issue regarding the storing of Handsanitzers in nursing homes hallways because of its flammable properties. The Fire Marshal is addressing the issue.

Housing Issues: Gloria reported that there are currently no vacancies in the Owen Murphy and Virginia Connolly residences. Gloria also restated the eligibility requirements for Owen Murphy, which is 62 or receiving social security disability.

Souper Tuesday: Grace will chair the 2/24 Souper Tuesday. The Governor's House will provide dessert. Funds are dwindling, thus Peg will send out additional fundraising letters to past Souper Tuesday donors.

Ways and Means: Peg will follow-up with Norris Christensen to get his records.

Senior Center: Rickie reported that they are gearing up for their winter programs, and accepting registrations. The Red Hat Society will hold its first meeting. Requirements for membership include; 1) over age 50 and wear purple dress and red hat, or 2) if under 50, wear lavender dress with red hat. Rickie reported on the new SOS (Sack of Statistics) program. These "sacks" contain vital health information and are placed on the side of refrigerators. In addition, Rickie reported that Simsbury would participate in a housing forum with Farmington, Canton, and Avon, to be held in April.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Did not meet last month. They will meet this month and present a nominee at the next meeting. They will repost the announcement.

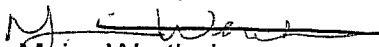
Correspondence: John Hampton resigned due to his new position on the Board of Selectmen.

Music for All Ages: Simsbury High Music Department will be unable to participate this year due to scheduling conflicts. The New Horizons Band the Simsbury Community Band is still interested in performing. Peg will give this information to the Eileen Umpleby, who is running the event. Motion made and passed to hold and fund the event.

Other: Relay for Life will be held at Simsbury High School on May 14 and 15.

Adjournment: The next meeting is Tuesday, February 17th, 2004. Motion to adjourn made and passed at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Moira Wertheimer
Clerk